

Curriculum Vitae

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**EDUCATION**

- 1983 – D.S.W. School of Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles
- 1975 – M.S.W. Administration and Community Organization  
School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley
- 1971 – B.A. St. John’s College, Camarillo, California
- Honorary Degree Phillips Graduate Institute

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2015 - Present **Professor of Practice of Social Work**  
University of Southern California, School of Social Work
- Responsible as C.E.O. for the implementation of the Cohen Clinic for Veterans and Military Families at USC and Director of the professional Doctor of Social Work (DSW) program opening in August 2016.
- 1998 - 2015 **Director of Mental Health, County of Los Angeles**
- Administrator for the County’s public mental health system, with a 304% growth in gross budget from \$495+ million in Fiscal Year 1997-98 to nearly \$2 billion in Fiscal Year 2013-14, and currently serving over 250,000 clients through the 4,500+ county employees in multiple programs and clinics and through approximately 1,000 service contracts with provider agencies, groups, organizations and individuals, private and public hospitals, and institutions providing long-term care.
  - Public Guardian and Conservatorship Investigation Officer for the County.

1999 - 2015

**Commissioner, Los Angeles County Children and Families  
First 5 LA**

- Led the Department of Mental Health's involvement in the integrated planning and focused implementation of Los Angeles County's services to children and families utilizing Proposition 10 funds.

2010 - 2012

**President, Board of Directors, California Social Work Education  
Center**

- Led the Board of Directors of the largest consortium of its kind in the nation made up of California's 20 accredited social work graduate schools, county departments of social service and mental health, the California Departments of Social Services (CDSS) and Mental Health (CDMH), and the California Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, among others. The members of the consortium work together to provide professional education, student financial aid, in-service training, and workforce research--all directed toward developing effective, culturally competent public service delivery to the people of California.

1993 - 1998

**Director of Mental Health, Kern County, California**

- Administrator for Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Public Conservatorship, and mental health-related HIV Services for Kern County overseeing a \$58 million budget and 403 employees.

1991 - 1993

**Program Chief, Kern County Mental Health Department, California**

- Clinical responsibility for Mental Health Programs for Kern County.

1989 - 1991

**Vice President, Mental Health Programs, El Centro Human  
Services Corporation, Los Angeles**

- Executive and operating responsibility for Mental Health, AIDS Outreach, Substance Abuse, Homeless Outreach, Child Abuse, Foster Care and Adoption Programs for private, non-profit corporation. Also responsible for Personnel, Planning, Operations, and Community Outreach for the entire corporation. \$6.2 million budget; 120 employees.

1982 - 1989      **Director of Clinical Services, El Centro Human Services Corporation, Los Angeles**

- Direct, plan, and administer clinical programs of multi-disciplinary Community Mental Health Center, serving the Hispanic population. Budget over \$5 million; supervised 52 professional staff, 18 para-professionals.

1975 - 1980      **Director of Substance Abuse Programs, Catholic Social Services, Bakersfield, California.**

- Complete administrative responsibilities including budgeting, policy formulation and personnel supervision for three programs with a budget of \$350,000.

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2001      **Senior Fellow, Public Policy** - University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Policy and Social Research.

2000      **Associate Clinical Professor** - University of California, Los Angeles, School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Bio-behavioral Sciences.

1998      **Clinical Associate Professor** - University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

1985      **Lecturer** - California State University, Long Beach, Department of Social Work. Taught graduate courses on Behavior in Cross-Cultural Perspective, Aging, Community Projects, Integrative Seminar, Child and Adolescent Psychopathology, Group Therapeutic Interventions and Developmental Psychology.

## MEMBERSHIPS

### County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California

- Governing Board Member, 1994
- Past President, 2003 - 2004
- Executive Committee Member

### California Social Work Education Consortium

- Trustee, 1994 - 2015
- President, 2010 - 2012
- Executive Committee Member

### California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions

- Board Member, 2006 – present
- President-Elect

### American College of Mental Health Administrators

- Member, 1997 - present

### Network for Social Work Management

- Board Member, 2009 - present

### PLAN of California

- 2004 - present

## AWARDS/SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2016 **Joseph A. Nunn Social Welfare Alumnus of the Year Award** in recognition for his contributions and tireless dedication to the field of mental health—a 17-year legacy that has been recognized on the state and national level.

2016 **U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award** in recognition by the Department of Community, Organization and Business Innovation (COBI).

2016 **Robert Egnew Award** from National Association of County Behavioral Health & Developmental Disability Directors.

- 2015 **Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect Award**, with deep appreciation for his extraordinary commitment to protect the most vulnerable children in Los Angeles County and for his invaluable and incomparable contributions to ICAN.
- 2015 **Southern California Psychiatric Society Special Award** in recognition of his Visionary Leadership as Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, and his Effective Advocacy for Integrated and Evidence-Based Care.
- 2015 **A Great Champion for Diversity Award** from Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council
- 2015 **World Class Leadership Award** in Integrated Services from State-Wide Integrated Care Conference
- 2014 **Team Member, Joint Team Science Award** from the Association of Clinical and Translational Science and the American Federation for Medical Research.
- 2012 **Distinguished Alumnus of St. John's Seminary**, Camarillo, California, for his career long service to people with mental illness and for leading the Los Angeles County public mental health system to recognize and support the spiritual dimensions of individuals as part of their recovery.
- 2008 **National Network of Social Work Managers Exemplar Award** for outstanding achievement.